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1. Action aides aux familles démunies

Special, 2002

Introduction

Action aides aux familles démunies (AAFD) is a non-governmental organization (NGO) dedicated to helping the most disadvantaged groups.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's main purpose is to contribute to the socioeconomic and professional development of disadvantaged groups in order to promote the empowerment of women and girls in the agrifood sector.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization is affiliated with the Conseil national de la société civile, Mali.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Each year, AAFD participates in all meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission for Social Development and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

In the context of the Sustainable Development Goals, AAFD has trained women in the transformation of local production, held campaigns to vaccinate children against tuberculosis, malaria and other childhood illnesses, raised women's awareness about family planning and raised awareness in young people and girls about combating HIV/AIDS.

2. Actions communautaires pour le développement intégral

Special, 2014

Introduction

Actions communautaires pour le développement intégral is a national development NGO that promotes the sustainable development of local and indigenous communities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the association are to promote and implement sustainable development in the lives of Congolese communities, raise public awareness to combat poverty and the negative effects of climate change, combat desertification, provide natural prenatal education and promote human rights for peace. This work is done through training and conferences.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization conducts workshops and training sessions on various topics as side events at United Nations forums to better understand the issues addressed, including women's empowerment, climate change, human rights, development financing and the Sustainable Development Goals. It has carried out several activities in the past four years, including:

- Organizing a seminar to raise awareness among Congolese women and encourage them to contribute to the development of their country (2014).
- Underscoring the importance of diplomacy to achieve peace and reconciliation among young people.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The association participated in the 59th, 60th and 61st sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York and plans to participate in the 62nd session. It is also a regular participant in meetings related to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Nevertheless, like all African organizations, it is struggling to fund the participation of its representatives in United Nations bodies and the cost of visas for some of those registered for various forums. The organization is convinced that its situation will improve in future.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The organization held a conference on gender and sustainable development in March 2015 in conjunction with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women). A participant from the NGO appointed a trainer for the occasion. We are also in frequent communication with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). We have had a number of discussions with the United Nations Office at Geneva on questions related to participation in various human rights bodies.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

The organization's activities have focused mainly on supporting the development programme through awareness-raising, mobilization and promotion. Two initiatives were carried out: (i) training on natural prenatal education with the health personnel (midwives) of the Congolese national police, with a view to achieving Sustainable Development Goal 3 (ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages); and (ii) the supervision of girls and women to empower them to contribute to the economic development of their country in accordance with Sustainable Development Goal 5 (achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls).

3. Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme

Special, 1998

Introduction

Founded in 1992, Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme (AEDH) is a French NGO that promotes the growth and development of local organizations working to defend and promote human rights in the global South. It supports organizations that participate in democratic development and work to ensure respect for fundamental rights, particularly those of the most vulnerable groups. AEDH supports its local partners through financial assistance for the implementation of concrete projects and through advocacy and the provision of information and technical support in the legal and project management domains. AEDH coordinates multi-year and multi-stakeholder projects to promote and defend human rights in cooperation with local partners who implement the initiatives in the field.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mandate of AEDH is to promote the rights and freedoms enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other founding documents. AEDH promotes the growth and development of local associations or advocacy groups that defend and promote civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights and participate in democratic development.

Significant changes in the organization

In June 2017, John Edmundson was succeeded as President by Tim Hughes. The organization's General Assembly decided, at an extraordinary meeting on 8 June 2017, to increase the number of members of the Board from 12 to 19.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AEDH serves as a relay between the United Nations and local associations, which tend to be small and are sometimes isolated, working in difficult environments. However, for several years AEDH has noted a certain lack of enthusiasm, among at least the smaller local associations in the field, for involvement in the work of the Human Rights Council.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of AEDH participated in meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women by delivering statements on item 6 of the agenda of the 26th session (10–27 June 2014), item 3 of the agenda of the 27th session (8–26 September 2014), item 4 of the agenda of the 34th session (27 February–24 March 2017) and item 4 of the agenda of the 35th session (6–23 June 2017).

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

AEDH has focused its contribution to United Nations initiatives on participating in the work of the Human Rights Council. It has also cooperated with United Nations human rights offices in countries where it conducts campaigns to defend and promote human rights, especially in countries in Central Africa, and more specifically in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In terms of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), AEDH paid particular attention to the achievement of Goal 3 (Promote gender equality and empower women). In the context of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, the organization attaches particular importance to the achievement of Goal 5 (Gender equality) through the development of projects that take gender into consideration in the promotion of human rights; Goal 10 (Reduced inequalities), especially through the provision of support to projects that help indigenous minorities exercise their rights; and Goal 16 (Peace, justice and strong institutions), through the subsidizing of initiatives to combat impunity.

4. Architectes de l'urgence

Special, 2006

Introduction

Since 2001, Architectes de l'urgence has been working around the world to assist populations struggling in the aftermath of natural disasters, technological catastrophes or conflicts. It organizes initiatives in the field involving architects and engineers, and has been involved in assistance and reconstruction projects in 33 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

To use the expertise of architects to help suffering populations by providing appropriate support at each stage of a crisis: during damage evaluations (ensuring buildings are safe) and the initial emergency stage. To help rebuild decent, sustainable housing and critical infrastructure (schools, hospitals and roads) for a return to normalcy. To help restart economic life by prioritizing the use of local materials within a sustainable development paradigm. To preserve and promote the world's architectural, historical and cultural heritage and respect the environment by combating the widespread use of wood. To support and develop humanitarian commitment among architects in France and elsewhere and, in so doing, to contribute to the furtherance of architecture and encourage the training of local actors, from masons to architects.

Significant changes in the organization

In August 2007, the organization was recognized as a public-interest foundation in France.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During its missions between 2014 and 2017, Architectes de l'urgence focused on economic and social integration for the revitalization of local economies, many of which had been suffering. This entailed the use of local materials, knowledge and workers and the contracting of small and medium-sized local enterprises. The organization promotes local employment and work for all under decent conditions for a decent standard of living. Depending on specific needs, the organization provides training for local people and authorities in earthquake-resistant or hurricane-resistant construction techniques. Once missions have ended, the tools and technologies used are transferred to local populations. Nearly 30 schools, kindergartens and reception centres have been built. The organization leads and supports projects in the health-care sector by providing technical assistance to other NGOs to build or renovate

hospital infrastructure, for example in Haiti. It emphasizes social equity among the various beneficiary populations. Revitalizing local economies is also a way to combat poverty and stem the exodus from rural areas. By offering jobs and housing, the organization aims to reduce global poverty. The projects carried out were designed with sustainable development in mind: local materials were used, including certified wood to limit deforestation; available energy sources were optimized; and buildings were built to resist natural disasters.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Architectes de l'urgence led a project to analyse the situation in Pakistan with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research Operational Satellite Applications Programme (UNOSAT). The organization has cooperated with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) in Haiti on large-scale urban planning projects (for example, waste management).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

During the four-year reference period, the organization contributed to the achievement of the MDGs through the following activities:

- From 2015 in Nepal: rebuilding eight schools in various districts affected by the 2015 earthquake; training in construction best practices and model homes.
- In 2015 in France: rehabilitating and securing a location that had previously been used by squatters in Montreuil to serve as temporary lodgings for migrants.
- From 2015 to 2016 in the Philippines: following super typhoon Yolanda, rebuilding 4 schools and training over 250 workers to obtain diplomas from that country's Technical Education and Skills Development Authority.
- In Madagascar: evaluating the implementation of the country's relocation programme.
- In 2015 in Turkey: evaluating damage sustained by various types of infrastructure because of heavy weapons fire.
- In Italy: evaluation of damage in the city of Amatrice after the earthquake in 2016; and from 2017 in the Caribbean, initial assistance mission in Saint Martin and Dominica, distributing tarpaulins and solar lamps.
- After the 2017 earthquake in Mexico, evaluation of buildings.

5. Association apprentissage sans frontières

Special, 2010

Introduction

Established in 2005, Apprentissage sans frontiers (ASF) has been a non-governmental organization in special consultative status with the Council since 2010. Active in promoting human rights, the organization attaches particular importance to the right to education and lifelong learning in keeping with the Sustainable Development Goals.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main aim of ASF is to universalize and promote the right to apprenticeships at the international level, as a means of combating the youth unemployment crisis. Our projects are based on an integrated approach to development cooperation, addressing local and global issues in an intercultural and intergenerational way. The organization achieves its aims by focusing on four main components: human rights, training, the environment and access to the world of work through mentoring.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ASF contributes to the work of the United Nations by participating in sessions of the Human Rights Council and by organizing side events.

A side event on dual apprenticeship, the related opportunities and challenges and the right to education was held in the context of the thirty-second session of the Human Rights Council. As a result, in April 2016 a cross-regional declaration for the acknowledgement of apprenticeship as part of the right to education was issued, a precursor to the resolution on the right to education adopted in 2017. At the thirty-fifth session, ASF organized a side event on an integrated approach to vocational training and apprenticeship for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, which was held on 6 June 2017.

During the thirty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council, ASF contributed the following paragraph to resolution 8/4: "Calls upon States to promote technical vocational education and training, as well as apprenticeship, by implementing appropriate policies and programmes, as a means of ensuring the realization of the right to education".

ASF participated in the thirty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council through an event on human rights training for media professionals and journalists and related challenges faced by developing countries, held on 15 September 2017.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Each year, representatives of ASF attended the three annual sessions of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, held in March, June and September.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

ASF participates in various international events that take place in Geneva and Europe. It participated as a panellist in the 5th World Forum for Lifelong Learning, held in Madrid on 24 May 2017 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the World Committee for Lifelong Learning, with the theme of "Lifelong Education and Learning for Sustainable Development: an Integrated Approach", to discuss the advantages of the Swiss dual vocational training programme in international cooperation.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In the context of Sustainable Development Goal 4, "Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all", ASF contributed to having the following paragraph included in Human Rights Council resolution 8/4: "Calls upon States to promote technical vocational education and

training, as well as apprenticeship, by implementing appropriate policies and programmes, as a means of ensuring the realization of the right to education".

6. Association congolaise pour le développement agricole

Special, 2014

Introduction

The Association congolaise pour le développement agricole is active in agriculture, the environment, water, biodiversity and education, through various initiatives geared towards improving living conditions and combating poverty.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association congolaise pour le développement agricole works to effectively improve the living conditions of indigenous, disadvantaged and vulnerable local populations through community development activities linked to the Sustainable Development Goals.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the Association congolaise pour le développement agricole participated in a variety of United Nations activities in the Republic of the Congo and internationally, such as meetings held by UN-Women, conferences on climate change, processes related to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries (REDD-plus), the sustainable management of oceans and seas, and sustainable and innovative agriculture in relation to REDD-plus.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

After becoming an NGO in consultative status with the Council, the Association congolaise pour le développement agricole made a commitment to the vision of the United Nations to promote the MDGs and Sustainable Development Goals in its activities in the Republic of the Congo. It has worked to promote agricultural activities and rural entrepreneurship for women, girls, youth and indigenous peoples to help them develop their skills and support themselves. The organization has combated poverty, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases. It has promoted human rights, democracy and good governance, promoted a culture of peace and non-violence in departments affected by the armed conflicts caused by dictatorial regimes, participated in free, transparent and peaceful elections and addressed racism and racial discrimination.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In May 2014, the Association congolaise pour le développement agricole organized awareness-raising and capacity-building activities on combating climate

change for youth, women and girls in rural areas. The organization heightened public awareness regarding United Nations conferences in the Republic of the Congo, enabling many civil society stakeholders to learn about the United Nations and the commitments it has made for the well-being of the international community. Association congolaise pour le développement agricole trained local communities, women and indigenous people on these topics by distributing documents about the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. It distributed many other United Nations newsletters to encourage communities to help realize the vision of the United Nations. In 2014, Association congolaise pour le développement agricole used its own funds to raise awareness, in all departments of the Republic of the Congo, regarding the process of replacing the MDGs with the Sustainable Development Goals.

7. Association démocratique des femmes du Maroc

Special, 2014

Introduction

The Association démocratique des femmes du Maroc is a national, feminist and independent NGO. It was established in 1985 to make proposals regarding and advocate for the reform of laws and public policies, and to change attitudes with a view to achieving gender equality and empowering Moroccan women. The Association has played a central part in movements that have brought significant gains for Moroccan women (inter alia the reform of the Family and Nationality Codes, social debate on equality in inheritance and the recognition of Soulaliyate women as holders of rights to collective lands).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the Association are to defend and promote the universally recognized rights and strategic interests of women and to promote gender equality for an egalitarian society. These aims are achieved through:

- Advocacy for a reform of discriminatory laws
- Capacity-building and networking
- Awareness-raising and communication
- Reporting

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association coordinated a national coalition of NGOs to draft:

- The report of Moroccan feminist NGOs for the review of Morocco under the third cycle of the universal periodic review, September 2017.
- The report of Moroccan NGOs submitted in parallel to the fourth periodic report of Morocco on the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, July 2015.
- The report of Moroccan NGOs on the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action from 1995 to 2015, February 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- The third cycle of the universal periodic review: presentation of the declaration of feminist Moroccan NGOs (pre-session, April 2017) and participation in the presentation of the report of Morocco, thirty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council (September 2017).
- Consideration of the fourth periodic report of Morocco at the fifty-sixth session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: presentation of the declaration of Moroccan NGOs to the Committee (September 2015) and participation in the consideration of the Morocco-Geneva draft (30 September 2015 and 1 October 2015).
- Submission of a written statement on the Sustainable Development Goals, adopted by the Council at its 2015 session (21 July 2014 to 22 July 2015).
- Participation in the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 2015), during which the organization contributed to sessions on women's rights in Morocco 20 years after Beijing; the place of women victims of gender-based violence in Morocco; the Printemps de la dignité (Spring of Dignity) coalition; protecting women's rights in the Arab region under the post-2015 agenda; the Égalité sans réserve (Equality without Reservation) coalition; and rethinking human rights, presented by Women's Learning Partnership.

The Association participated in the following:

- "Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step it Up for Gender Equality!" New York, 8 March 2015.
- Panel on civil society at the forefront of the post-2015 agenda, UN-Women, on 13 March 2015.
- Two round-table discussions on 10 March 2015 on politics and public life to achieve gender equality and on investing in gender equality and women's empowerment.
- As a member of the Arab region NGO Committee on the Status of Women, the Association:
    - Contributed to the Arab Caucus with the NGO Committee on the Status of Women in New York.
    - Participated in two training sessions on 9 and 11 March 2015.
    - Contributed, inter alia, to the parallel events of the sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2017.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In conjunction with UNESCO, the Association contributed to:

- A memorandum for legislation eliminating gender-based violence (January 2014) and on the marriage of minors (June 2014).
- Amendment to article 16 of the Family Code (January 2015).
- The right to abortion (April 2015).

In conjunction with UN-Women, the Association contributed to:

- Implementation of advocacy efforts within the framework of the third universal periodic review (including the dissemination of recommendations made to Morocco and participation in the session at which the report to the Human Rights Council was adopted).
- Support for the caravan of solidarity with Soulaliyate women for equal access to collective land (October to December 2017).

In conjunction with the United Nations Population Fund, the Association contributed to:

- Advocacy for the prevention of gender-based violence through a project of the Anaruz network (April–December 2017).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Association presented a statement on the Sustainable Development Goals at the 2015 session of the Council. In accordance with its mission, all of the Association's activities are related to Goal 5.

8. Association des ONG de l'environnement

Special, 2014

Introduction

The Association des ONG de l'environnement is a non-profit organization committed to the preservation of our planet.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the Association is to report environmental damage and provide solutions that contribute to environmental protection and the promotion of peace. The Association's core mission is to work on global challenges (inter alia, deforestation, climate and energy, oceans, biodiversity, air pollution and environmental democracy) that may have a direct or indirect impact on every inhabitant of the planet. To that end, we use the law as a tool to improve the relationship between human societies and nature. We are working in Africa and beyond, using law, science and politics to create practical solutions to environmental challenges.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization is pursuing the same objectives and themes as the Council. It works for peaceful coexistence among peoples, supports sustainable development, promotes respect for and the protection of the environment and the struggle against deforestation, air pollution and marine pollution in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations. During the reporting period, it conducted projects for inhabitants of riparian forest communities in matters related to the European Union Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Action Plan and REDD-plus; and environmental democracy. The organization is working with the media to promote ethical principles and values related to environmental democracy. It is also trying to encourage young people to participate actively in environmental conservation efforts.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

In 2017:

The thirteenth session of the Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Fossil Fuels, Geneva, 26 and 27 October.

In 2016:

The eleventh session of the Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane, Geneva, 24 and 25 October.

A session of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals, Geneva, 22-26 June.

In 2015:

The eleventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 4 to 15 May.

The fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 9 to 20 March.

The fifty-third session of the Commission for Social Development at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 4 to 13 February.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Since 2016, the organization has taken part in a forest governance project promoted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the European Union Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Facility.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of Goal 7, the organization promotes such projects as those related to forests and community gardens, which contribute to the formation of values for the protection and maintenance of natural resources and the education of children and youth in environmental preservation, thereby establishing a culture that promotes sustainable development. In 2017, it organized a collection of donations that contributed to the planting of more than 700 areas of woodland in the country.

9. Association internationale Soufie Alawiyya

Special, 2014

Introduction

Established in 2005 in Paris, the Association internationale Soufie Alawiyya operates in the social, cultural and spiritual spheres. It facilitates interreligious and intercultural dialogue, and makes Sufic contributions to discussions of the world's major problems, including to foster coherent approaches to peace, international cooperation, development and the environment. It works to promote living together in peace on all continents. The Association leads and coordinates eight national associations based in Europe, Africa and the Americas.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association's aims are to work for universal reconciliation of the human family across cultures, religions, philosophies, races and political systems and to advocate for international social and economic affairs to be guided by a spirituality that is open to progress.

The Association's aims are:

- Peacefully to promote the role of Sufism, a humanist and Muslim spirituality.
- To contribute through spiritual and ethical issues to the promotion of coexistence among civilizations and religions.
- To promote the values and principles of gender equality, non-discrimination and the social and cultural advancement of humanity.
- To encourage and form a culture of peace among individuals, communities, peoples and especially young people.
- To promote activities to combat poverty.

The Association's working methods include teaching through awareness-raising circles, and education, training and advocacy by means of colloquiums, training workshops, interreligious dialogues, exhibits, technical cooperation, seminars and publications.

Significant changes in the organization

The Association changed its name from Association internationale Soufie Alawiyya to Association Sufi Alawiya ONG internationale. The reason for the change was to allow the Association to distinguish its activities as an international non-governmental organization from those of national member associations of the same name (e.g. Association internationale Soufi Alawiyya-France).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- In partnership with the Mediterranean Sustainable Development Foundation, the Association organized the Women's Congress for a Culture of Peace, with the theme "Giving voice to women", on 28–31 October 2014 in Oran, Algeria, for 3,600 participants of 20 nationalities. The objective was to give a voice to Muslim women in matters of gender, peace and sustainable development, and the Congress resulted in the adoption of the Declaration of Oran, which recommended the adoption of a United Nations international day of living together in peace.
- The Association produced a documentary film entitled "L'Islam, la voix des femmes. Une culture de la paix" (Islam, voices of women: a culture of peace), shown at the international symposium on "Spiritual Islam and contemporary challenges", attended by 1,000 participants on 28 and 29 September 2015 in Paris.
- The Association organized a march for peace in The Hague with the participation of schools, attended by Mr. Adama Dieng, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, in May 2017.
- The Association organized a workshop on an international day of living together in peace, in conjunction with UNESCO, in Paris on 19 May 2017. The workshop culminated in the Paris Declaration, calling on the General Assembly to declare such a day.

- The Association also contributed to the establishment of an informal network called Synergie 17 ODD, composed of individuals and associations involved in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals as a condition for living together in peace.
- The organization helped to raise awareness among States Members of the United Nations of the importance of the International Day of Living Together in Peace. Indeed, resolution 72/130, adopted at the seventy-second session of the General Assembly, is the direct result of an initiative launched in 2014 by the Association that was supported and promoted by Algeria and France.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the Association attended the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York from 9 to 20 March 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The Association participated in the first World Humanitarian Summit, held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 23 and 24 May 2016. It cooperated with UNESCO to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Alawi Sufi order, in order to develop a spiritual path recognized by UNESCO as a "school of tolerance and interreligious conviviality". The organization also participated in the launch of the Fez Plan of Action on 14 July 2017 in New York.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Association was responsible for the organization in Algeria of the Living Together in Peace Festival, against the backdrop of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (25 November 2015).

10. Association pour la formation et l'insertion sociale de l'adolescent et de la femme

Special, 2002

Introduction

The Association pour la formation et l'insertion sociale de l'adolescent et de la femme works in partnership with other associations on large-scale projects such as building the capacity of networks. The Association's role in specialized platforms in the fields of education, vocational training, small-scale employment and micro-entrepreneurship enables it to participate in a number of symposiums and be supervised by national and international partners to improve efforts on behalf of our target group of young people and women who are facing difficulties in social and economic integration or dropping out of school due to early marriage of girls, the lack of schooling for their children and the lack of medical care.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association is a non-profit organization working for youth and women through education, vocational training for small income-generating occupations, awareness-raising related to current issues such as protection against the major diseases that are prevalent in Africa, including HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis; and extreme poverty. It organizes seminars, workshops and round tables to raise young people's awareness of the harmful effects of drugs, alcohol, crime and

prostitution; and to increase their awareness of environmental degradation as a comprehensive approach to sustainable development. It offers scholarships and awards and encourages the full participation of women in decision-making processes in their social, political and economic environment.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association participated in the validation of the 2018–2020 strategic plan of UN-Women in Cameroon in 2017. In November 2014, helped prepare the 2015–2019 National Youth Employment Plan under the auspices of the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association participated in the high-level political forum on sustainable development from 12 to 17 July 2017 in New York. On Wednesday, 12 July, it participated in the science, technology and innovation side event, focused on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, that was jointly organized by UN-Women, UNESCO and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The Association was a signatory to the platform for the exchange of information on the environment in Cameroon, overseen by the Investing in Our Planet programme of the Global Environment Facility and by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to improve governance in Cameroon and to strengthen the ability of farmers to combat deforestation. In 2016, the organization launched a workshop in Douala, Cameroon, in conjunction with the Ministry of the Environment, on the protection of nature and sustainable development, with a view to establishing grass-roots organizations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In the context of Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 5, 8 and 9, the Association organized field visits to rural areas to propose the use of cultivation, drying and processing methods for fruit and vegetables for local sale and export. The foods are dried using an innovative system based on solar cookers that protect the environment and create decent jobs for women. They help to empower women by providing them with an income, enabling girls to attend school and ensuring health care. The Association also continued to maintain wells and to donate drinking water stations in conflict areas in Cameroon.

11. Association pour la santé et la prévention des maladies tropicales

Special, 2014

Introduction

The Association pour la santé et la prévention des maladies tropicales works to improve the health of disadvantaged populations and for the well-being of people and the planet.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association aims to achieve its objectives through environmental protection; reforestation; water, hygiene and sanitation; the protection of women and children's rights; the promotion of renewable energy; education; access to drinking water for rural communities; health care; access to solar-powered lighting; reforestation for a balanced ecosystem and planet; promotion of organic farming for a healthy and balanced diet; and the promotion of social justice and respect for human rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

We comply with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in combating desertification and mitigating the effects of drought through national action programmes.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has actively implemented the MDGs, including:

- Goal 2, to encourage education, by supporting the schooling of 2,000 village children.
- Goal 7, to promote reforestation.
- Goal 1, by educating and training women to become self-reliant in organic agriculture.
- Goals 4, 5 and 6, to provide medicines to thousands of children and people who do not have access to hospitals, as well as to raise awareness of AIDS in areas where the virus is prevalent.

12. Association solidarité internationale pour l'Afrique

Special, 2014

Introduction

The Association internationale de solidarité pour l'Afrique is an association under Malian law (Act No. 204) that works in the fields of national aid and the development of poor urban and rural communities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association's mission is to promote the active and responsible participation of rural communities in the economic, social and cultural development of all regions of Mali.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2015, in preparation for the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and as a member of the Gender and Climate Justice group, the Association signed the petition presented by the High Council for Equality between Women and Men to "support women affected by climate change". It also organized a workshop parallel to the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties on "Feminism and Climate Justice". In addition, it contributed to various sessions of the Human Rights Council.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association participated in all sessions of the Human Rights Council from March 2015.

It also participated in the following sessions of the Committee on Social Development:

- Fifty-third session, 4–13 February 2015
- Fifty-fourth session, 3–12 February 2016
- Fifty-fifth session, 1–10 February 2017

The Association participated in the following bodies:

- Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, fifteenth session
- Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, thirteenth session, 25–29 January 2016
- Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, eighth session
- Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, fifty-ninth session

In 2015, the organization participated in a meeting with the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, Mr. Michael Møller, on the respective roles of the United Nations in Geneva.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Association has taken the following initiatives:

1. Primary health care to promote reproductive health and child survival and to combat HIV/AIDS, the cutting of girls' genitals, and diarrhoeal diseases;
2. Contribution to the installation of drinking water stations in villages, where needed, and the promotion of sanitation and public hygiene;
3. The promotion of the well-being of children and young people by combating child labour and trafficking and the promotion of schooling for children in rural areas;

4. Improvements in the living conditions of women through economic and cultural development by promoting rural women's participation in the economy through microenterprise development, civic education, women's literacy and the protection of women's rights;

5. Protection and preservation of the environment and natural resources; promotion of reforestation in rural areas; promotion of sanitation and public hygiene; and the protection and construction of water infrastructure;

6. Support for schooling by building schools and centres for educational development, encouraging the enrolment of girls in schools by, inter alia, establishing school management committees.

13. Cause première

Special, 2010

Introduction

Cause première has made significant progress in recent years in the areas of women's empowerment and combating HIV/AIDS and in maternal and child health, despite a lack of resources. It also expanded its work to Guinea. Guinea and Senegal have now adopted the organization's programme entitled "sustainable citizenship", aimed at raising public awareness of the problems associated with illegal immigration and terrorism.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Cause première aims to raise awareness among young people and women regarding the many challenges they face in improving their lives. The organization also seeks to help the United Nations by all legal means to combat terrorism and to return the dignity of the women of Senegal and Guinea by empowering them and improving their health.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization added counter-terrorism to its activities by raising the awareness of young people. It also worked to prevent deforestation and promote citizen action to preserve the environment in Guinea.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Cause Première participates in the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization established centres for women's reintegration and empowerment in Ziguinchor, Senegal, and Conakry, Guinea.

14. Centre d'accompagnement des alternatives locales de développement

Special, 2010

Introduction

The Centre d'accompagnement des alternatives locales de développement participates in the economic, social and cultural development of the indigenous and local communities of the district of Messamena, Haut-Nyong Division, East Region, Cameroon.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Centre has worked in the areas of economic development, education, health, the environment, culture, human rights and the strengthening of partners' capacities.

Significant changes in the organization

To support sustainable development and the promotion, protection and implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, in 2014 the organization drafted a national programme of support for indigenous communities in Cameroon, which it submitted to the authorities for inclusion in the budget act. To address the concerns of indigenous and local communities, the Centre supported the installation of hand-pump-operated wells in villages; the implementation of agricultural, fish-farming, beekeeping and sanitation activities; and capacity-building for partners. In order to improve living conditions and assess the human development index, the Indigenous Navigator project works to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals through access to land rights, citizenship and education with the aim of advocating with the authorities for the adoption of political platforms to promote and protect the rights of indigenous peoples, in accordance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

As an observer accredited to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, the organization participated in the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, held in Ankara in October 2015, and the thirteenth session, held in Ordos, China, in September 2017. At those sessions, the Centre made statements seeking the involvement of civil society in the activities of the Convention, in compliance with decision 5/COP.11, adopted at the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.

For the review and update of World Bank environmental and social safeguard policies (Environmental and Social Standard 7, Indigenous Peoples), the organization participated in regional dialogue workshops in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 21 November 2014, and in Yaoundé on 11 January 2016. The organization participated in the World Bank Climate Investment Fund 2014 Partnership Forum in Montego Bay, Jamaica, on 23 and 24 June 2014.

In connection with the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the organization attended the Global Consultation on Farmers' Rights from 27 to 30 September 2016 in Bali, Indonesia.

The Centre participated in a workshop on equal access for indigenous women and men to employment opportunities, held by the International Labour Organization on 25 and 26 November 2015 in Yaoundé.

The organization participated in a workshop on follow-up to recommendations of treaty bodies in relation to the right of indigenous peoples to education, on 2 and 3 December 2015 in Yaoundé.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Centre participated in the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) workshop held in Yaoundé in February 2015 to validate the findings of the sociodemographic data collection survey among the Baka and Mbororo indigenous peoples in the Adamawa and East Regions.

The organization attended the sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 13 to 24 March 2017 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

In September 2014, the Centre participated in the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples in New York. It implements the system-wide action plan for ensuring a coherent approach to achieving the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Since 2014, the organization has attended activities related to the International Day of the World's Indigenous People (9 August), the sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the ceremonies to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The Centre belongs to several networks of indigenous partners.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization works on issues related to education, health and the environment (including climate change and desertification).

15. Centre Europe-tiers monde

General, 1998

Introduction

The Centre Europe-tiers monde was established in 1970 and is not affiliated with any other NGO in consultative status.

Aims and purposes of the organization

A body that conducts research into and issues publications related to North-South relations, the Centre works to identify international, regional and national mechanisms that support or impede economic, social and other development, both in the North and the South; and aims to relay the demands of the peoples of the South who are fighting for their rights and dignity, to improve their living or working conditions.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Centre regularly plays an active role in conferences, seminars, working groups and symposiums, organized by itself or by civil society organizations and institutions, to promote international law and the Charter of the United Nations. Most of its publications are related to these topics and include the following titles:

- *Le droit international et les puissances occidentales* (International Law and the Western Powers), 2014
- *Citizen Public Debt Audit*, 2015 (in French, Spanish and English)
- *Transnational Corporations' Impunity*, 2015 (in French, Spanish and English)
- *La souveraineté au service des peuples* (Sovereignty in the Service of the Peoples), 2017

The Centre also organizes training in the area of economic, social and cultural rights, as well as on United Nations human rights mechanisms.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Centre participated in many meetings held in Geneva by United Nations human rights bodies. The meetings include the following:

- Twenty-fifth to thirty-sixth sessions of the Human Rights Council
- Eighteenth to twenty-second, twenty-fifth and twenty-seventh sessions of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review
- Fourteenth and seventeenth sessions of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee
- Sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth sessions of the Working Group on the Right to Development
- Seventh to tenth sessions of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Second, third and fourth sessions of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on a draft United Nations declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas
- First, second and third sessions of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights
- Fifty-eighth and sixtieth sessions of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- 121st session of the Human Rights Committee
- Fifty-fourth session of the Committee against Torture

During the reporting period, the Centre presented more than 60 written or oral statements on, inter alia, the right to health, the right to food, the rights of peasants, activities of transnational corporations harmful to human rights, the rights of indigenous peoples, the right to development and the impact of foreign debt on the enjoyment of human rights. It supported more than 20 delegations of social movements in their interactions with the United Nations and trained 18 interns in United Nations human rights mechanisms.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The Centre cooperates regularly with United Nations human rights bodies and responds to a range of requests. For example, representatives of the Centre were invited to participate as experts in the consultations organized by the Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order in preparation for his annual report (5 May 2015).

The Centre participated in the third International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Addis Ababa in July 2015.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

As part of its work, the Centre issued three publications related to the Sustainable Development Goals:

(1) *The Right to Land*, 2014 (in French, Spanish and English)

(2) *The Great Climate Robbery*, 2015

(3) *La Passion du schiste. Capitalisme, démocratie, environnement en Argentine* (The Passion of the Schist: Capitalism, Democracy and the Environment in Argentina), 2016